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...to the General Officers, to many of whom the emoluments of a Staff appointment would be a great boon—most of whom, with some exceptions, were men of high character and ability, and who, by their presence, would have done much to maintain the dignity of the office, and to ensure the proper discharge of its duties.

**YOUNG ENGLAND AT BINGLEY.**  
(From the Atlas.)  
It is the intention of Parliament were at all times to be a check upon the temporary abandonment of the improvement of the poorer classes, we should be inclined to wish that Parliament was placed in permanent abeyance. It is a cheering prospect to behold the efforts that are now being made in unlooked-for quarters to elevate and improve the condition of the people, and to look at social questions with a more liberal and generous spirit than hitherto. The same men of both parties evidently mean the same things at heart. Between Sir Robert Peel and Lord John Russell there is no difference except the difference of position. It is the same man, the same mind, the same heart, and the same aim. The difference is only in the position of the man, and the aim of the man. The same man, the same mind, the same heart, and the same aim. The difference is only in the position of the man, and the aim of the man.

Of this great movement we cannot help repeating Mr. Carlyle as the head and promoter. It is his spirit, his energy, his vision, that is the cause of the movement. It is his spirit, his energy, his vision, that is the cause of the movement. It is his spirit, his energy, his vision, that is the cause of the movement. It is his spirit, his energy, his vision, that is the cause of the movement.

It is no slight thing that Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, and Liverpool, have been stirred up to make parks for the recreation of the people. It is no slight thing that London resolves to supply the means of washing to its dingy lanes, and enable them to repudiate the title of the "great unwashed." It is no slight thing that even Lord Russell, the greatest of the great, is beginning to take an interest in the condition of the people. It is no slight thing that even Lord Russell, the greatest of the great, is beginning to take an interest in the condition of the people.

How is this movement of action to be commenced with a soil already owned—in a society where every man is a proprietor and a proprietor? Not by the force of law, but by the force of example. It is by the force of example that the movement is to be commenced. It is by the force of example that the movement is to be commenced. It is by the force of example that the movement is to be commenced.

The arguments brought against it appear to be mere selfish apprehensions on the part of the landlords, who say that it will distress the tenants. But the fact is, that it will not distress the tenants. It will not distress the tenants. It will not distress the tenants. It will not distress the tenants. It will not distress the tenants.

In all matters of this kind one fact is better than a thousand assertions. The utility of the movement will be proved by the fact that it will be adopted by the Duke of Rutland, who has no fewer than three hundred tenants of this description on his property. Let the result be favourable, and the labourer will have made one step in the ladder which is to elevate him to comparative independence.

**ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION.**  
We have for the information of the public an abstract of all the public sales which take place this day.  
Mr. Fawcett, at the Stores of Mr. James Simmonds, Castlereagh-street, will sell by public auction, on FRIDAY, the 21st INSTANT, at Eleven o'clock precisely, the following choice parcels of Wines, &c.:—  
Six quarter-casks superior Marsala Emeralds, &c.  
Rich bright gold colour Sherry, bottled in "Van-  
sellers," and sent from that well-known house direct.  
This is a beautiful wine.  
Countess of Minto—  
10 Casks 1 Ditto, ditto  
The same first-rate brand, and in every respect equal to the parcel per Emeralds; this is an excellent dessert wine, and would answer wine bottles well.  
Hercules of Malouin, 60 cases, each 3 dozen, Van-  
sellers, really genuine port.  
This wine, although in the colony for several years, possesses rich colour, and is of a fine quality, and worthy the attention of those who wish for a first-rate glass of port.  
Whoever favours this sale with their attendance, will find an opportunity of doing good, by laying in a stock. The lots will be adapted to all classes of purchasers.  
TERMS—  
Under £50, cash; above that sum, by a cash deposit of 25 per cent, and the balance within 60 days. 2777

**BIRTHS.**  
On Wednesday, the 19th instant, at her residence, Morgan's Buildings, North Kent-street, Mrs. Henry Moore, of a daughter.  
On Tuesday, the 18th instant, at her residence, Surrey Hills, the lady of John Stirling, Esq., of a daughter.  
**DIED.**  
At Parramatta, on the 6th February, 1845, Mr. George Evans, of the firm of the Channel Steam-boat, and latterly of the Emerald. He was much respected in the trade, and well known as an experienced and trustworthy man; he has, unfortunately, left a widow and six children to deplore his death.  
**HORSES FOR THE INDIAN ARMY.**  
From fourteen hands two inches to three inches above the knee, from three to seven years old, will be received at the Honorable East India Company's Depot for inspection and purchase during the whole of the present week, with the exception of the 23rd, 24th, and 25th instants.  
A. DALLAS, H. L. E. Company, H. E. I. C. Depot, Bungarabbee, 2469

**FOR PORT MACQUARIE.**  
**THE STEAM-PACKET MAITLAND.**  
W. Parsons, master, will leave the Commercial Wharf, for Port Macquarie, TO-MORROW EVENING, the 21st instant, at Six o'clock.  
Commercial Wharf, February 20. 2781

**THE BRIG WILLIAM.**  
will sail for Launceston positively on FRIDAY, the 21st instant.  
Flour Company's Wharf. 2783

**FOR HOBART TOWN.**  
TO SAIL ON SATURDAY EVENING NEXT.  
The favourite Packet-Brig LOUISA, 182 tons register, J. C. Tucker, commander. This vessel is now ready to receive cargo, and will sail as above, wind and weather permitting.  
For light freight, and stevedore passage only, apply on board, at the Queen's Wharf; or, to JOHN MACNAMARA, Queen-street. 2785

**NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.**  
**FOR BAY OF ISLANDS AND AUCKLAND.**  
TO SAIL ON SUNDAY, THE 23RD INSTANT.  
THE FINE SCHOONER AUBORA, Captain Turner. For freight or passage apply to J. B. METCALFE, February 20. 2782

**FOR AUCKLAND DIRECT.**  
To sail on Wednesday, the 26th instant, THE FINE SCHOONER LADY LEIGH, For freight or passage apply to J. B. METCALFE, February 20. 2783

**FOR ADELAIDE.**  
POSITIVELY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23.  
THE PACKET BRIG DORSET, D. Walsh, master, will positively sail for Adelaide direct on the above date. For freight or passage, apply to J. M. SOLOMON, South Australian Packet Office, Liverpool Wharf. 2784

**FOR ADELAIDE DIRECT.**  
THE PACKET-BRIG EMMA, 130 tons, J. T. Fox, will sail on Thursday, the 27th instant. Apply on board, at the Circular Wharf; or, to SHEPPARD AND ALGER, 2785

**CABIN PASSAGE TO LONDON.**  
THE FIRST-CLASS SHIP ELIZABETH, 437 tons register, will sail on Saturday, the 1st March. There are two cabins still disengaged, for which apply on board, to Captain Morris; or, to J. T. ARMITAGE AND CO., LYALL, SCOTT, AND CO., Agents. 2786

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN.**  
GENTLEMEN,—Having been solicited by a large number of respectable and influential Voters of the county of Camden to offer myself as a Candidate to represent their interests in the Legislative Council of New South Wales, I have accepted to their request, with a desire to serve them, and this my adopted county.  
Although it may be attended with great personal inconvenience, I shall cheerfully submit to this—if by so doing I can benefit, by my humble exertions, the interests of my constituents.  
Should I have the honour to be elected, I shall endeavour to enforce a reasonable economy in all the departments of the Government, and all votes of money for religious and educational purposes for the youth of this rising colony shall receive my warmest and most decided support.  
Should these views meet with the approbation of the enlightened constituency of the county of Camden, I shall feel but little fear that the result of the election will be in my favour.  
I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your very humble and devoted servant, JOHN WILD, Vanderville, 18th February, 1845. 2745

**SYDNEY BETHEL UNION.**  
ANNUAL MEETING.  
The Society will be held in the long room at the ROYAL HOTEL, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT, THE 26TH INSTANT.  
G. ALLEN, Esq., Mayor of the City, in the chair.  
The friends of Seamen, and all who are interested in their spiritual welfare, are respectfully invited.  
Captains, Officers, and Seamen will find this a favourable opportunity for witnessing the deep interest which the Committee and the Public have displayed in their behalf.  
THE CHAIR WILL BE TAKEN AT 7 P. M.  
A Collection will be made in aid of the Funds of the Mariners' Church. 2190

**SOUTH HEAD CHAPEL.**  
SUNDAY REPAIRS being required at the Chapel, South Head, TENDERS for the same will be received until Saturday next, at Noon. Every particular can be obtained at the Chapel-house, South Head. The Tenders, sealed, addressed to the Trustees, can be left at the Herald Office. 2785

**TENDERS FOR BILLET WOOD.**  
AUSTRALASIAN SUGAR COMPANY.  
TENDERS will be received at the office of the Company, (No. 397, Pitt-street, opposite the Union Bank,) until Monday, the 24th instant, at noon, for supplying the Manufactory at Canterbury with Billet Wood, during twelve months from the 1st of March next; one-third of which to consist of billets 2 feet long, and two-thirds of billets 4 feet 6 inches long, samples of which may be seen at the office.  
The Tenders to state the price per ton at which the same will be taken, and to furnish the name of one responsible surety for its due performance. EDWARD KNOX, Manager. Sydney, 15th February. 2785

**CAUTION.—CREW "HARPONER."**  
CAPTAIN DENNEY, of the whaler Harponer, hereby gives notice that he will not be liable for any debts his crew may contract. February 20. 2789

**TO THE ELECTORS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE SYDNEY INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.**  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to leave it to you that I am a candidate for the office of Physician to the Sydney Infirmary, about to be established, and to solicit the favour of your suffrages on the day of the election of its Medical Officers, provided you do not think that my claims are inferior to those of the other competitors.  
I purpose sending to your Committee various documents, which will make its Members acquainted with my medical career in Britain. I have, however, respectfully to inform you, that I do not intend to ask promises of support from any of your body; for, believing the chief wealth of the poor man to be his health, I conceive it to be the imperative duty of electors of medical men to public hospitals, to use their unbiased judgment in selecting for offices of such responsibility only those who, by their reputed capacity and diligence in the pursuit of knowledge, seem most capable of carrying out the benevolent intentions of subscribers generally to such institutions.  
I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant, FARQUHAR MCRAE, M.D., H. P. 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, 331, Castlereagh-street North. 2788

**TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE SYDNEY DISPENSARY AND INFIRMARY.**  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to make known to you that I am a candidate for one of the offices of Surgeon to the Infirmary.  
I pledge myself, if elected, to devote my best energies and talents to the fulfilment of the highly responsible duties which will devolve upon me.  
I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, CHARLES NATHAN, Elizabeth-street North. 2781

**STOLEN OR STRAYED.**  
A CHESTNUT PONY, branded D on near shoulder. Any person returning the same to Mr. Anderson, Newland, Parramatta, will be rewarded. 2727

**TWO POUNDS REWARD.**  
STOLEN OR STRAYED, from Kelle's Run, at Botany, a BAY HORSE, black points and long tail, branded JH under the saddle near the side, the above reward will be paid upon conviction of the offender; and if strayed, One Pound will be paid upon delivery of the Horse to William Hickson, at Botany; or to MR. WILLIAM PICKERING, Sydney, February 19. 2740

**LOST, between Bligh-street and Darlinghurst, the key of an iron safe.** Any person finding the same, will be liberally rewarded by bringing it to Mr. Orr, Bligh-street, Sydney, February 19. 2756

**ON SALE, at the Stores of the undersigned, ex General Hewitt, and other late arrivals—**  
98 super  
Blanketed domestics  
Longcloth  
Grey calico  
R. B. holland  
Clothing, huckaback  
Cotton tick  
Dusters and glass cloths  
Laws, 1 and 1  
Union, 36, 40, and 48 inch  
Book muslin, &c.  
Furniture dimit  
Dyed twills  
Striped cottons  
Cotton checks  
Winey blankets  
Fine counterpanes  
White and coloured stays  
Striped cotton shirts  
Regatta ditto  
White worsted ditto  
Printed cambrics, new style  
Mousseline de laine, and cashmeres  
Superfine heavier hats  
Common ditto  
Paris silk hats  
Cloth and velvet caps  
Hallett's slaps, &c. and  
GRIFFITHS, GORE, AND CO. Bent-street, February 19. 2738

**HAYES FASHIONABLE TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.**  
THE adverse circumstances from which the colony is just emerging have been productive of, at least, one important moral benefit. They have taught the colonists the salutary lesson that the reckless extravagance of late years inevitably tends to disastrous results, while the opposite course, which is now being almost universally pursued, will ultimately lead to the happiest consequences. The increased, and fast increasing, extent of HAYES TAILORING BUSINESS affords abundant proof of the truth of the foregoing assertion. The principles of *Stirling Economy* on which this business is conducted have met with the highest measure of public approbation; as an irrefragable evidence of which it can be safely affirmed, that it includes in its list of customers a larger and more influential body of the colony than all the other similar trades in New South Wales collectively.  
From certain improved arrangements lately made in the operative department of the business, gentlemen may depend on having their orders executed strictly to the time stipulated.  
A Suit of Clothes made to order, and made well, in eight hours (in cases of urgency).  
A large assortment of hand-made goods on hand. Colonial ready-made Clothes always on hand. Observe the well-known address, HENRY HAYES, Tailor and Draper, 426, George-street, near the Royal Hotel. 2738

**TO SHEPHERDS, SETTLERS AND OTHERS.**  
THE undersigned continues to supply Boiling-down Pans, from 100 gallons and upwards; Steam Boilers, and all the necessary apparatus for steaming down. Iron and brass castings of every description completed on the shortest notice, and in a superior style. Prices very low to meet the times. P. RUSSELL, Next to the Royal Hotel. 2784

**MIMOSA BARK.**  
ABOUT 12 tons of chopped Bark, of superior quality, to be disposed of. Apply to Captain Patterson, John and Charles schooner, Sydney Cove. 2745

**BOARD AND LODGING.**  
GENTLEMEN wishing to ensure to themselves all the comforts of a respectable home can be accommodated with the above in a small and private family, where only two gentlemen will be received. The house is central, and pleasantly situated, surrounded by a garden.  
Terms, for single-bedded rooms, £1 per week. Ross Cottages, within two doors of the Club, O'Connell-street. 2791

**RETIRED BOARD AND LODGING.**  
A SINGLE GENTLEMAN can be received into the circle of a respectable family a short distance from Sydney (Newtown Road); most healthy situation, bathing, &c., &c.; coaches repeatedly passing. Reference required. Address, post-paid, to Q. Q. Herald Office. 2730

**TO LEND upon City Property, £500 and £700, in sums of 200 and upwards. Interest, moderate. Apply to W. THORLOW, February 12. 2539**

**WHITE CONDUIT HOUSE, RUSSELL'S BAY.**  
TO BE DISPOSED OF, the LEASE and LICENSE of the above well-known established house, in full trade. Immediate possession can be given. Apply on the premises, between the hours of seven and nine, a.m., and six to nine, p.m. February 19. 2746

**TO BE LET OR SOLD, A GENTLE COTTAGE in Clarence-street, near Church-hill, containing nine apartments, &c., has been lately painted and coloured throughout, and is in every respect a compact and substantial residence; it will be let at a low rent to a permanent tenant, or sold on moderate terms for cash. Apply to Mr. Blake, at Mount Shamrock, Balmoral. 2742**

**TO LET, FURNISHED Apartments.** Apply to Mrs. M. Rutledge, No. 47, corner Elizabeth and Goulburn-streets. 2739

**WANTED TO BORROW, on security of a valuable country Estate, purchased within the last nine months for £2000; the dwelling house on which alone cost the former proprietor £1200. Apply to ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bligh-street, February 19. 2743**

**SHAP AND CANDLES.**  
J. NEWSHAM, late of Dixon-street, Darling Harbour, is now ready to purchase all kinds of fat cash, or exchange for soap and candles.  
George-street, corner of Liverpool-street, February 19. 2745

**WANTED TO PURCHASE, a few thousand SHEEP, running either in the upper district of the Hunter river, Liverpool Plains, or New England. Apply to Francis Little, Esq., Invermay. 2733**

**TO PROPRIETORS OF SHEEP.**  
TWO gentlemen, who are about to purchase, on a liberal credit, from 500 to 1000 Fine-wooled Maiden Ewes; payment of the purchase money, with interest, would be secured by a bill of sale on the sheep, a moderate lien on the wool from season to season, and the bond of the purchaser with a responsible surety. Respectable references can be given, and the sheep would be under the personal management of the purchaser, who has had considerable colonial experience. Apply (if by letter, post-paid), to Mr. Yeoman's, solicitor, 432, George-street, Sydney. 2747

**CATTLE.**  
WANTED TO GRAZE, 100 head of Cattle, on one of the best runs in the County of Cumberland. Apply (if by letter, post-paid), to Messrs. Betts and Pantons, 293, Pitt-street. 2741

**SHEEP AND CATTLE.**  
A GENTLEMAN having extensive sheep and cattle runs, about forty miles beyond Hartley, is desirous of receiving about 2000 young ewes, for a third of their increase and half of the wool, or would rent them on moderate terms. Also, about 200 head of cattle for half of their increase. The advertiser is willing to give a bond that he will send in regular and correct returns every half-yearly or annually. He is in town at present and will receive applications. Address, if by letter, post-paid, to B. No. 93, King-street. 2726

**SCHOOL-HOUSE WANTED.**  
WANTED TO RENT, a house, about the central part of Kent-street, fit for a School. Address to H. H. at the Herald Office, stating the size of rooms, premises, rent, &c. 2732

**A RESPECTABLE Female, without incumbrance, who has a room of furniture of her own, wishes to board and lodge with a family where she will be treated as one of them; her income being very limited could not afford to pay more than twenty pounds per year; or to assist in a shop, having been used to one in the general line for five years, where she will give her services for her board and lodging. Direct to Mrs. Freeman, 316, Castlereagh-street North. 2738**

**ROOM WANTED.**  
WANTED, by a young man, an unfurnished Room with attendance, in the dwelling of a respectable family, residing in Pitt-street. Address, stating terms, &c., by letter to R. Herald Office. 2747

**WANTED, a Female who can do plain cooking; also, a Housemaid and a strong active Boy to attend to a horse and make himself generally useful. Apply at 105, Hunter-street. 2762**

**MAN AND BOY WANTED.**  
A MAN who can milk, and has been accustomed to work on a farm; also, a Lad, from ten to fifteen years of age, who can assist in the house, and is willing to make himself generally useful, are wanted on an estate about twenty miles from Sydney. Good character and industry indispensable. Apply at Mr. Dodd's, Goulburn-street East, (the third house from Liverpool-street), before nine o'clock in the morning; or between four and seven o'clock in the afternoon. 2767

**SALES BY AUCTION.**  
FIRST DAY'S EXTENSIVE SALE AT THE STORES OF MR. JAMES SIMMONS, CASTLEREAGH-STREET, THIS DAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1845. MR. R. FAWCETT will sell by public Auction, at the Stores of Mr. James Simmonds, Castlereagh-street, THIS DAY, 20th FEBRUARY, At ten o'clock precisely, Four cases rich Chené prints, new dark styles Two cases rich furniture prints, good bold styles Six bales superfine white and coloured quilts and counterpanes Five cases thirty-six inch bleached shirtings Six cases canvas trousers Three trunks printed India silk corsets, one hundred pieces each One case rich French silks and satins One case silk, satin, and gauze handkerchiefs One case French gaiters, one and a half yard One case rich French shawls and scarfs One case French embroidered shawls and handkerchiefs One case children's French embroidered dresses One case rich black and coloured gros de Naples One case fancy table covers One case rich printed India silk shirts One case Saxony handkerchiefs Four bales linen tick Two bales cotton tick Four trunks of superfine clothing Two trunks superfine cloth and cashmeres Three cases Townsend's beaver hats Three cases Townsend's boys' cloth caps One case assorted hosiery One case assorted muslins One case duck jackets Four cases duck trousers Three cases fancy muslins Two bales blue jackets and trousers One case rich printed muslins One bale 8-4, 9-4, 10-4, and 11-4 French blankets One bale flannel clothing One case extra fine white shirts With a numerous lot of other articles, which must be sold to close accounts. Terms—Under £50, cash, above £50 and under £100, three months, above £100 three and four months, approved endorsed bills. 2767

**HANDSOME CLOSE CARRIAGE WITHOUT RESSER.**  
MR. SAMUEL LYONS will sell by auction, at his Mart, corner of George-street and Charlotte-place, on FRIDAY, the 21st FEBRUARY, At Eleven o'clock, A handsome close Carriage, with driving box, hind seat, lamps, &c. Terms at sale. 2750

**TIN PLATES.**  
JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 490, George-street, near Hunter-street, ON TUESDAY NEXT, 25th FEBRUARY, at eleven o'clock precisely, Thirty boxes tin plates, assorted sizes. Terms at sale. 2774

**SUPERIOR PORT WINE, FRENCH COGNAC, SHERRY, AND CLARET.**  
JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 490, George-street, near Hunter-street, ON TUESDAY NEXT, 25th FEBRUARY, at twelve o'clock precisely, Forty cases very superior port, 3 dozen each Ten cases very superior sherry, 3 dozen each Ten cases claret, 1 dozen each Ten cases cognac, 1 dozen each. Terms at sale. 2778

**SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ELEGANT CUT GLASS, CHINA, TEA, COFFEE, AND DESERT SERVICES, AND A LARGE STOCK OF HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES, INCLUDING A LARGE STOCK OF VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS.**  
MR. BLACKMAN is instructed by the Proprietor, who is about to embark for Europe, to sell by public auction, at his Rooms, 489, George-street, on TUESDAY, the 25th INSTANT, 1 Pier glass in gilt frame, 5 feet by 3 feet 4 inches, and one ditto, 4 feet 1 inch by 2 feet 11 inches, horsehair couch, 8 chairs 6 feet 2 arms, hair seated, horsehair sofa, with spring seat, A VERY HANDSOME ENGLISH MADE SIDEBOARD, WITH MARBLE TOP AND LOOKING GLASS BACK. A VERY COMPLETE MODERN SECRETARY AND BOOK CASE. Tea, coffee, and dessert services of China, very handsome double-barrelled gun, twisted, percussion locks, and patent safety gun, with case and fittings complete; one ditto ditto without case. Several first-class engravings, in MAPLE FRAMES, AND TWO VERY VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS. MR. 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## ENGLISH EXTRACT RESULTS OF THE NEW RAILWAY SCHEMES.

Politics, for the moment, are merged in the great commercial movement which is now going on around us with a rapidity and an extension unexampled since the year 1825, or the still more memorable period of the South Sea bubble. It is to the gigantic extension of the railway system and its promising field for investment that men's minds are now turned. Every capitalist is inflamed with visions of unprecedented profits. The Government are understood to have before them plans for additional railroads amounting to more miles than now exist in the country, and absorbing a capital quite equal to that which has been already expended. These schemes embrace only those of the present year; what number future sessions of Parliament will have to deal with it is impossible to conjecture, but the demand is by no means filled up. Every district of the country must eventually be furnished with the same advantage as its neighbour, or be left in the rear in the race of improvement.

The mania has not failed to alarm the apprehension of sundry observers of passing events, among whom we have to note certain friends of the existing lines, who, under the guise of a regard for the public interests, hide their wish to cripple their antagonists. They strongly recommend the government to sanction only the direct leading lines or great arteries of communication, and to leave until another year the minor and less important branches. The reason assigned is, that the investment of an enormous mass of the national capital within a given period will occasion inconvenience in the money market, and probably bring on some great convulsion.

The alarming results which a fertile imagination pictures to itself from these causes may be analysed into a drain of bullion, an adverse turn of the foreign exchanges, a want of capital for manufactures and commerce, and a most inadequate interest for the money sunk. A review of the present state of the country does not seem to warrant any such inferences. On the contrary, the present abundance of money, the unwonted commercial activity, the bountiful harvest—making all the prime elements of production cheap and plentiful—a sufficient revenue, the funds at par, and peace at home and abroad, give us every reason to prognosticate a continuance of railway speculation. Indeed, nothing but some unforeseen accident, affecting the money market in an unfavourable manner, could check the present rush of capital into investments so profitable as railroads. The country labours under a plethora of capital. There is more money than can find an effective employment in the existing outlets of trade. Are we then to risk it in hazardous foreign loans or investments, which a war might shake to pieces to-morrow? Surely it is better to employ it in domestic securities, such as railroads, which will turn a certain average of four or five per cent. at present, with an unlimited prospect for the future. This operation, by removing out of the field of competition a large amount of capital, gives relief to the remainder, and as a natural consequence, increases its profits. Indirectly, too, the investment tends to raise the value of every other species of property so obviously, that every county in the kingdom would eventually have its railroad in self-defence. Peculiar facilities of shipment and transport would, of course, cheapen the commodities of a district, and enable it to underbid its rivals. There is not an interest in England that will not, ere long, find itself in this predicament. Necessity will compel them to follow the general example, and we may confidently predict that there is not a town or county that will submit to have an embargo laid upon its resources, even for one year, to gratify the whim of a political economist, or to remove the alarm of existing railroad companies.

We must not imagine that the gradual absorption of the different instalments required in a domestic labour will operate in the same manner as if they had been payments of bullion made to a foreign country for a supply of corn; in that instance a pressure would undoubtedly be felt in the money-market, and the banking institutions of the country would be placed in jeopardy for want of bullion. In the present instance nothing of the kind can take place. The payments being internal, would require no export of the precious metals, and the foreign exchanges would remain as they are, unaffected by any adverse balance of trade. We could anticipate no embarrassment even if fifty millions were invested in one year instead of being spread over four or five, as will be the case. We have a practical proof before us in the history of the present railways, the cost of which did not certainly amount to a less sum. No derangement of the money-market took place, neither did any occur when an equal amount of British capital was lent to foreign countries. We defy any person to show that commerce suffered from the want of an adequate supply of capital during the same time. We have no reason, then, to dread any evil results from the present schemes. Instead of embarrassing the country, we think that the removal of so great an amount of capital from the field of competition, at a fair rate of interest, will greatly relieve all classes. Capital increases so fast, that we ought to hail with pleasure every legitimate opening for its useful employment. The stock-brokers and money-lenders, who are generally supposed to be pretty sharp-sighted in these matters, evince no alarm at the prospect of a demand for money; and we may, therefore, presume that the Government are safe in sanctioning the lines. All that they have to do is to take care that the schemes promise to be profitable, and that the district holds out hope of sufficient traffic; they may safely leave to the public the mode of procuring the means. Nothing, in fact, can affect the security of the railways as a profitable investment, except some invention that shall supersede them. On the whole, we trust the Government will not be deterred from sanctioning all the promising new lines for fear of embarrassing the money-market, or of interfering with the monopoly of the old lines.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THE COLONIAL OFFICE. (From the Colonial Gazette.)

The *Herald*, having been judiciously silenced by the Colonial Office on the West India question, has taken to defend the Office's swindling of the South Australian colonists. It will not be difficult to show the expediency of silencing it on this head also.

There is a radical error which pervades the whole of the *Herald's* remarks on this question; it is contained in the following sentence:—"The founders, however, were unable to keep their engagement," (namely, that the colony should be a self-supporting colony). "and so released." That pledge was, that the land fund should be exclusively devoted to emigration. Indeed—released!

There is here a double fallacy. The inability of the founders to keep their engagement was not the consequence of any act or deed of their own, or of those in their employment, or under their control. It was occasioned solely by the measures adopted by a nominee of the Colonial Office itself, over whose proceedings the founders of the colony had not a shadow of control. It is not necessary at present to examine what may be said for or against the conduct of that nominee; suffice it that he was independent of the founders. It is too bad that the Colonial Office should first commit a mistake (assuming it to be a mistake) in the person of its nominee, and then take advantage of its own blunder, as releasing it from a solemn, acknowledged obligation, as is pleaded in the columns of its weak but willing advocate. This must not be.

But there is another more important fallacy in this reasoning. The pledge by Government, may, by the Imperial Parliament, that the land fund should be devoted exclusively to emigration, was not given to the founders of the colony, but to an entirely different party, namely, to the purchasers of land. They paid the money on that express condition; and thought that, as they had the guarantee of an Act of Parliament for the faithful appropriation of their money to that specific purpose (on which the value of their purchases depended), they were secure. Their money was taken—on the condition that it should be so applied. This is the act, which the *Herald* has taken upon itself to defend. The purchasers of land never gave their consent to the appropriation of their money to any purpose but that of emigration. In fact, they were never consulted. The matter has been managed, from beginning to end, by other parties, irrespective of them altogether, that is, irrespective of the parties who paid the money. And now, forthwith, the party who received the money, and who misapplied the money, on being called on to refund the cash, and fulfil the condition on which it was paid, turn round and say, "Here is a release." Pray, is it signed?

But the *Herald* is not content with defending the conduct of the Colonial Office generally, as respects South Australia; he claims especial gratitude, as due to Lord Stanley, for his varied and valuable services. "It was owing" (it is alleged) "principally to Lord Stanley's exertions that the disasters of 1840 were provided for by Parliament." We are well aware that Lord Stanley was a member of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on South Australia, in 1841, and that he was very exemplary in his attendance on the meetings of the Committee, and took a great interest in the investigation then made; and for his exertions on that important occasion the friends of the colony are, we believe, duly grateful; but we are persuaded they unanimously consider that the chief obligation he then conferred upon them was, that he concurred in, and gave the weight of his name to, the 19th resolution of that Committee, which is in these words:—

"That many persons have purchased land in South Australia on the faith of a guarantee, given by the Act of the 4th and 5th William IV., cap. 95, that the purchase-money so paid should be expended in giving a value to such land by the importation of labour; that a sum of £56,746 14s. 8d. was in consequence advanced from the emigration fund, and has not yet been repaid; that it is expedient that provision should be made by Parliament for the advance to the emigration fund of this sum of £56,000; and that the said sum, when so advanced, should be applied to the purpose of conveying emigrants to South Australia."

That sum has not yet been repaid. The total amount which has been withdrawn (without the consent of the purchasers), from the emigration fund is upwards of £87,000; and the head and front of Lord Stanley's offending is, that now that he is Colonial Minister, he will not act in accordance with that resolution concurred in by him when in opposition.

### JAMAICA.

(From the Jamaica Times, Dec. 26.)  
SINCE our last communication the weather has continued tolerably seasonable. Kingston and its neighbourhood were on Sunday, the 15th instant, visited by a very severe thunderstorm, attended by a heavy fall of rain. It does not appear, however, that any serious accidents have resulted from the effects of the electric fluid, though it struck the parish-house and some other places. We regret to state that fever, of a stubborn nature, prevails in Kingston, though there has not been as much mortality arising therefrom as in some of the other places. We are happy to say, as are likewise the army and naval departments. The elections are proceeding quietly; but there has been a very great reluctance evinced by the proprietors to offer themselves as candidates. Many members have consequently been chosen from this city; whilst we are sorry to say, that in some few instances the old and respectable have been put aside to make room for "mere men of straw"—parties possessed of neither property nor ability. This has certainly arisen from the creation of small freeholds, and for which the former landholders have themselves alone to blame. In such cases, of course, the parishes are virtually left unprotected. These changes, however, will not have so great an effect now as they would have had formerly, and if the acts

of these mis-called representatives should prove extravagant, and run counter to the constitution, every thinking man knows that there is an efficacious remedy at hand to put such proceedings at rest for ever. Lord Stanley's general reply to the memorial remonstrating against the reduction of the duty on foreign-grown sugar and coffee, is taken as a very courteous, though undeniable, promissory document—in perusing it we find ourselves without any sort of explanation as to the reason for taking the original step, and in exactly the same position as when we transmitted the remonstrances; unless we may refer to this circumstance, as an exception—that his Lordship having reduced the duties on foreign-grown produce implies that he could not further distress the revenue by any reduction on colonial; a parity of reasoning which we neither admire nor admit—were West Indians think that, if there were any reduction at all, we should have participated in it. The loss of £500,000 is the all-engrossing topic of the day. The parties who appear to be throwing difficulties in the way of its negotiation do not, as yet, seem to us to be much interested in the soil; and therefore feel very averse to contribute ever so little indirectly to a project which the majority of the inhabitants think is likely to conduce so considerably to the future prosperity of the colony. In our paper of Saturday last we have pointed out the inadequacy of the stamp duties to provide for the payment of the annual interest of the loan, and its still greater insufficiency to do so in future years. What ought then to be done? The imports must not be made subservient to the purpose; but the exports may, as likewise may the domestic consumption of island produce. Why, admitting that internal taxation must be the source, whence is to be derived the means of meeting the interest as it shall become due? Are we to dash widely and heedlessly into the imposition of additional taxation? Are we to allow the present state of affairs to remain stationary, as our legislators have hitherto done, without the slightest alteration? We may do so; but if we do, we shall be hurrying ourselves along the road to inevitable ruin, instead of straightening, might and main, to retrace the steps we have already taken upon it. Abolition made an effectual change in all materials of society; and whilst it had an adverse effect upon the payments of the island, their old servants have had their old salaries continued them up. This day, whilst new servants were engaged at their extreme profusion, by the same rule or scale that the former fixed. Retrenchment must, therefore, be the order of the day, and that, too, as the first business of the Assembly; that is the very beginning, without which we shall never retrace ourselves nor pay what we propose to borrow; and we allude to the necessity in this place, and on this occasion, so that the proprietors at home may impress the subject upon their representatives in this island. It is with great pleasure that we have in our power to bear testimony to the continued indefatigable zeal of the Lord Bishop and the clergy, and happy are we to inform our transatlantic brethren that religion and education are being most industriously encouraged, not only by the Church establishment, but by those religiousists who differ from it in name and form, but not in principle, the Wesleyans! The venerable Archdeacon Pope has had a meeting convened at Kingston, to establish a branch to the Jamaica General Diocesan Society, which we do not only approve, but are persuaded, will meet with general approbation and support. Mr. Lyndon H. Evelyn has obtained the prize from the Royal Agricultural Society for the best essay on the subject of "Industrial Schools." The Jamaica Bank has pronounced a dividend of 3 per cent. on the quarter ended the 30th of June last; and the Planters' Bank a dividend of 5 per cent. for the same period; a very considerable difference, but which is in some measure to be attributed, as it is publicly alleged, to the circumstance of a large sum of money having been stolen from the former establishment. Be that as it may, more confidence will be reposed in an establishment that freely publishes a true state of its affairs than in those like the United States, which proclaim not only false dividends, but false accounts of treasure and available assets over their debts and responsibilities. As our new Legislature is about to meet (we hope it may be new indeed), perhaps no better opportunity can be afforded us, anteriorly thereto, than this, to offer more than usual observations upon that important subject—finance, namely, money, which therefore brings us to the question of interest given and received by us, which we cannot omit to be altered. Thus stood our interest account for 1843, viz.:—On British loan of £200,000, at 4 per cent., £8,000; on Jamaica loan of £800,000, at 6 per cent., £12,000; on public charities, £4,600; on other deposits at 5 and 6 per cent., £1,500; total, £26,100. For funded money in England you obtain 3 per cent.; and such was the latter condition of her monetary affairs, that even on the first notice of this reduced change that Parliament intended to make, the Consols, notwithstanding, stood as high as 98. Yet we cry out "poverty," and give a regular interest of 6 per cent.; and continue to give upon former deposits, which we are not in good faith bound to continue, 8 and 10 per cent. If a country can prosper under such a system of finance, it can only do so under the auspices and by the assistance of Mercury and St. Nicholas. The ridicule we cast is less true than the facts we relate; and let those who are concerned therein look narrowly into our statements. At the dissolution of the late House of Assembly, writs, we mean writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, had been issued against honorable members; but the execution of them has been resisted on the plea that an ex-member should have the privilege of being a freeman (although all the negroes and other persons are so only as long as they pay their honest debts) for forty days after the Queen had desired them to go to their employers and give an account of their stewardship, and if all should turn out right, to allow them to resume their places. The case is to go before the Judges. Great speculations are on the tapis in respect to the office of Speaker. Captain Darling and Alexander Barclay, Esq., have both been named, as well as the late Speaker, Mr. Dallas. As

for our own part, we think it would be far preferable that a barrister, who would then be competent to read and correct the bills passed the House, should hold the office—Messrs. Moncrieff, Farquharson, and Mackenzie, are each eligible for the office. We here publish the state of the election, that is to say, the names of those who were the representatives in the late Legislature, and those who have been returned as representatives in the new, without comment. We shall, however, give their qualities and qualifications at the close of the elections.—Parish of St. Catherine's (1), Russell, March (elected), Sanguinetti, old members. Parish of Kingston (2), Jerdon, Lawrence (elected), Orrett, old members. St. Thomas-in-the-Vale (3), Lowndes, Ewart, old members; Dr. Palmer, G. Gordon, new members. Port Royal (1), Hyslop, Dallas, (elected), Taylor, old members. St. Andrew's, Jos. Gordon, Osborn (elected), old members. Parish of Clarendon, Coleman, Thompson (elected), old members. Parish of St. Dorothy (1), M'Cook, Hyton, old members; M'Cook, Harrison, new members. Parish of Vere (2), Garrigue, Townshead, old members; Dr. Bruce, A. Forbes, new members. Parish of St. John (1), Morales, Aris (elected), old members. Parish of St. Elizabeth (2), Farquharson, R. W. Smith (elected), old members. Parish of Portland (2), Clachar, Hinchelwood, old members; Johnston, Anderson, new members. Parish of St. Mary (2), Hart, A. R. Scott, old members; Hart, Clemenston, new members. Parish of St. George (2), Fowles, Grossett, old members; Fowles, J. Lunan, new members. Parish of St. James (3), J. Smith, Moncrieff, old members.

In conclusion we affix our usual prices current:—Flour is abundant and dull; the sales have been 500 barrels Baltimore (new wheat), 24s., deliverable at an out-port, and 200 barrels 25s.; favourite brands sell in trifling lots, 26s. Cornmeal abundant, and very dull of sale; small parcels, however, sell as high as 16s. to 16s. 6d. Rice—East India moves off slowly in parcels of 25 bags, 19s. per 100 lbs.; Carolina, also in parcels, 20s. Bread—Pilot is scarce. Butter—Prime new sells, 10d. to 10½d. Lard—Nothing done in Irish; American have been taken, 3d. per pound. Soap—Diamond SS. has been taken, 15s.; and Steele's common (60 lbs.) 11s. Candles are very dull, and small lots have met buyers, 6d.; Stockdale's SS. offered at 5½d., but without effecting any sales. Provisions—Cod-fish is dull, mackerel are looking up; alewives are plentiful; herrings dull. 44s. Pork, pigs-tongues, hams, and cheese, are dull. Lamp oil is scarce. Onions, 10s. per barrel. Tobacco, dull. Brandy, 6s. 3d. Malt—London porter, 85s. Corn may be quoted, 3s. Lumber, p. p.—A pitch pine cargo has been sold 46s. 6d. per 1000 feet; white pine has gone off 45s. 4s. per 1000 feet, and cedar shingles, 14s. per 1000.

EXPORTS.—Sugar—There is little at market, and fair descriptions are much wanted; of the latter a shhd. was lately sold, 29s. per 100lbs.; the sales have been from 23s. to 25s. Coffee—there have been no transactions. Rum is being sold at 4s. 3d. per gallon for best brands.

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